

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	
QWEST CORPORATION FOR THE)	CASE NO. QWE-T-05-10
FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF RATE)	
CENTERS IN SOUTHERN IDAHO)	NOTICE OF PETITION
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)	ORDER NO. 29780

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 29, 2005, Qwest filed a Petition requesting an Order authorizing the consolidation of its Meridian and Boise rate centers. Because the rate centers do not have identical local calling areas, consolidation of the two centers could require the Commission to expand the local calling area of the Kuna, Meridian, Middleton and Star exchanges to include Lowman. Lowman is served by Cambridge Telephone Company. Qwest in its Petition proposes that the Commission grant one-way EAS between its exchanges and the Lowman exchange.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission previously investigated consolidation of rate centers as a way to conserve NXX prefixes. In February 2001, the Commission issued Order No. 28943, which consolidated rate centers in Qwest's service area by reducing the number of rate centers in a local calling area. The new Boise rate center included the Boise and Idaho City exchanges and the Meridian rate center included the Kuna, Meridian, Middleton and Star exchanges. Qwest's Petition asserts that consolidation of the Boise and Meridian exchanges is necessary for it to port local numbers between Boise and Meridian for its customers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that consolidating the Boise and Meridian exchanges would require modification of the local calling area for Meridian customers. Customers in the Boise and Idaho City exchanges have toll-free extended area service (EAS) to the Lowman exchange, and customers in the Meridian rate center do not. Qwest proposes to provide one-way EAS from the Meridian exchange to Lowman. Service is provided in Lowman by Cambridge Telephone Company. Qwest does not seek reimbursement for implementing EAS for its Meridian

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customers. Should Cambridge Telephone decide to expand the Lowman EAS to include the Meridian exchange, Qwest asserts it would implement two-way EAS without compensation for lost access and toll revenues.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Petition is also available on the Commission's Website at www.puc.idaho.gov under the "File Room" icon and then "Telecommunications Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Petition may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Petition shall be mailed to the Commission and Qwest at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Qwest at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

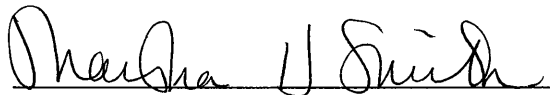
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition of Qwest Corporation to further consolidate rate centers in southern Idaho be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

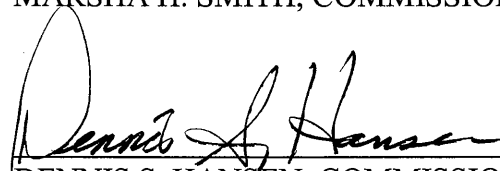
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 11th day of May 2005.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

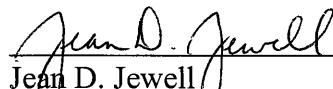


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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